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The Office Action issued August 17, 2006 has been received and its contents have been carefully considered.

Applicant has amended the specification on pages 8 and 17 to remove three minor informalities.

The indication that claims 28-31, 37, 46, 55 and 64 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is noted with appreciation.

Applicant has accordingly amended claims 24-27 to overcome the informalities and have rewritten the allowed claims in independent form as follows:

<u>Original Claim</u>	<u>Claim Rewritten in Independent Form</u>
37	24
46	25
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Since all of the outstanding issues in this application have been resolved by this Amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. A formal Notice of Allowance is accordingly respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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